REMARKS

In the Office Action dated March 5, 2008, claims 1-13 and 16-30 were presented for examination. Claims 1-12 were allowed. Claims 13, 16-20, 23-26, 28, and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 13 and 16-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Krithivas et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,816,963, in view of *Sayles*, U.S. Patent No. 6,549,963, and further in view of *Greenburg et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,970,451.

In this Amendment, Applicants have cancelled claims 13 and 16-30 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by claims 13 and 16-30 is not patentable. Claims 13 and 16-30 were canceled in this Amendment solely to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the remaining claims. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue additional claims, including the subject matter encompassed by claims 13 and 16-30, as presented prior to this Amendment in one or more continuing applications.

Furthermore, in view of the cancellation of claims 13 and 16-30, the rejections set forth under 35 U.S.C. §§112 and 103(a) are now moot.

Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner indicate allowability of the pending claims and that the application pass to issue. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all of the claims now presented are in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding rejections be withdrawn and this application be passed to issue.

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